

Signs of a Slipping Saint

Few Christians leave the Lord in one instant. What usually takes place are slow gradual steps that over time will lead a person to completely give up on the Lord and His people. Often, if these steps were recognized by others, encouraging words could help recover a soul before it abandoned the Lord.

What are the signs of a slipping saint?

- **Failure to pray and study.** Prayer no longer becomes a vital part of a slipping saint. His life is filled with hurry. He does not see the need nor the benefits of a great prayer life. A slipping saint will quit studying the Bible. Prayer and Bible study are the qualities of a healthy growing Christian, not a slipping saint.
- **Fluctuating attendance.** A saint that is slipping will not worship as he should. At first, it will be hit and miss. But later on it will be more miss than hit. Finally, he will quit coming all together.
- **Fixation on the negative.** A slipping saint is often a critical saint. This may be to compensate for the guilt in his own life. The worship is boring to a slipping saint. The elders are too harsh to a slipping saint. The preacher is out of touch and the members not friendly to a slipping saint. Critical and complaining are common attitudes of a slipping saint.

Watch for these signs!

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